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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 22, 2008 and is filed within the one-month response time. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Claims 18 - 47 ARE pending in the application.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that there are four separate Groups of claims as follows:

- (I) Group I, including Claims 18 – 24 and 30;
- (II) Group II, including Claims 25 – 29 and 31 - 32;
- (III) Group III, including Claims 33 – 38; and
- (IV) Group IV, including Claims 39 – 47

The Restriction Requirement requires election of one of these Groups.

Applicants elect Group I, including Claims 18 - 24 and 30, with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn because of a lack of a serious burden. All of the claims in the present application are sufficiently related that searching and examining of all claims does not present a serious burden to the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement.

Should the Restriction Requirement be maintained and all of the elected claims are found to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of all the claims under M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made

Respectfully submitted



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